Majesty is graciously pleased to Empower me to give for Effecting U. H. J. this most Essential Service and in the mean time, I think it my Liber No March 17 Duty to Acquaint you of this Intended Measure that you may be prepared for Exerting your utmost Influence with your Assembly to grant the Number of Men that I shall be Obliged to require of your Province, that his Majestys Command may be duely Obeyed

I am, with great Regard

S.r your Most Obedient Hble Ser:t Jeff Amherst

[For the editor's note on the Egremont letters referred to in the last paragraph of the above letter of Amherst see page 18]

Messrs Tilghman & Goldsborough from the Lower House acquaint His Excellency that their House hath made choice of Mr John Allen Thomas for their Clerk and hope for his Excellencys Approbation to whome his Excellency is pleased to declare that he approves their Choice

Mess.rs Stewart & Gant from the Lower House attend with Mr John Allen Thomas Clerk of the said House in order to see him quallified who takes the Oaths to the Government appointed to be taken by Act of Assembly and Subscribes the Abjuration & Test & also takes the Usual Oath of Office & then withdraws

Adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon

Eodem Die post Meridiem

This House met again According to Adjournment

Present as in the Morning

Mess.rs Goldsborough & Smallwood attend with Messrs Edmonson and Thomas Members Elected for Talbot County & Messrs Dent and Hanson for Charles County to see them quallified who take the Oaths to the Government appointed to be taken by Act of Assembly p. 10 repeat & Subscribe the Abjuration & Test & then withdraw

Adjourned till to Morrow Morning ten of the Clock

Thursday Morning 18.th March 1762 This House met again according to Adjournment

March 18

Present as Yesterday

Mess.^{rs} Gant & Worthington attend with Mr James John Mackall Member for Calvert & M.r John Hammond Member for Ann Arundel County to see them Quallified who take the Oaths to the Government appointed to be taken by Act of Assembly repeat & Subscribe the Abjuration & Test & then withdraw

Adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon